The soldiers who were injured in that operation and who suffered disabilities are paid war injury pension in accordance with the Pension Regulations. War injury pension is equal to the emoluments last drawn for 100% disablement and is proportionately reduced for lesser degree of disablement, subject to a minimum of 60% of last emoluments in the case of officers and 80% in the case of personnel below officer's rank who are not retained in service on account of their disability.

As many schemes for the resettlement and welfare of ex-Servicemen and the families of soldiers who die in operations, already exist, no specific scheme for the resettlement of the families of the soldiers killed and for the soldiers disabled in IPKF operations was formulated.

Steps to Check Circulation of Fake Currency

*96 SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons arrested in connection with circulation of fake currency notes in the country during the period from November, 1999 to January, 2000;

(b) what are the details of fake currency notes with particulars of the persons arrested and action taken against them; and

(c) what are the measure taken by Government to prevent such happenings in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Information available with the National Crime Records Bureau in connection with this matter is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 17]. It may be pointed out that "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State governments and case-wise details in regard to acts of crime are not maintained at Central level.

(c) A Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Finance on 22.2.2000 for examining cases of counterfeit currency notes and to recommend remedial measures that should be taken by the note printing presses from time to time. The Committee has been asked to submit its report within two months.

The Reserve Bank of India issues press releases, from time to time, to enable the public to distinguish between genuine and fake currency notes. In order to combat counterfeiting, currency notes are also now printed with additional security features. The Central Bureau of Investigation has created a Special unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Security force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant so as to ensure that such currency notes are not smuggled into the country.

Circulation of Fake Currency

*97. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that presence of fake currency notes in large quantities are posing a threat to our economy;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to curb the menace of fake currency notes;

(c) whether any pattern has been established regarding their distribution, seizures and person possessing/dealing in fake currency notes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The cases circulation of fake currency notes are reported from time to time various parts of the country. According to available information, the total value of fake currency notes recovered and seized during the last three years, i.e., 1997 1998 and 1999, was Rs. 3,55,70,249/- and Rs. 1,83,35,315- respectively.

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